

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
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The Board of Psychology ("Board") met on Tuesday, June 8, 1999 at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the Vice-Chair, Jacqueline M. Curtis, Ed.D.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D., Chair (10:05 a.m.)
John Bruner, Ph.D.
Jacqueline M. Curtis, Ed.D.
George A. Clum, Ph.D.
Jeanne E. Decker, Ph.D.
David L. Niemeier, Ph.D.
Charles A. Peachee, Jr., M.S.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Benjamin W. Robertson, D.Min.
June D. Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Janet D. Delorme, Deputy Executive Director
LaDonna Duncan, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynne Fleming, Assistant Attorney General

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Dr. Curtis opened the floor to any changes in the agenda order. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 1999

A motion was made by Dr. Niemeier and seconded by Dr. Clum to accept the minutes of March 23, 1999 as submitted. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Curtis opened the floor to comment from the public. No comments were received.

REPORTS

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Ms. Delorme distributed the regulatory review schedule (attached) and discussed upcoming regulatory action for the Board. She also informed the Board that the anticipated 30% revenue deficit for 2002 was not going to be as high as reported at a previous meeting. She discussed new principles for setting fees which will be used as a standard within all the boards in the Department.

Ms. Delorme reported that the public comment period will end July 20, 1999 on the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for the school psychologist limited licensure category. The Board set a called meeting for July 9th to consider language for the school psychologist limited license, adopt proposed fee changes, and consider the report of the recent review of the Department of Health Professions conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, if that report is made available by July 9th.

Discussion was held regarding the length of time taken to obtain approval by the Department of Planning and Budget and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources on the 1998 proposed regulations, which include an endorsement provision for experienced practitioners licensed in other states. Ms. Delorme reported that she projected that those regulations may be effective in the Spring of 2000.

Disciplinary Committee

Dr. Hatt presented the Disciplinary Committee activity report. This report was accepted as information. He also presented a consent order signed by William Riley, Ph.D. agreeing to a stayed suspension with terms. A motion was made by the Dr. Niemeier to adopt the consent order. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.

Examination Committee

Dr. Bruner reported that the Examination Committee had reviewed the scores from the April clinical practice and jurisprudence exams which were viewed as consistent with past exam scores, with an overall failure rate of 10%.

The Board convened into executive session pursuant to §2.1-344 of the *Code of Virginia* to discuss examination matters exempt from public disclosure. The Board convened in open meeting and certified that the Board heard, discussed or considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by Virginia law and those matters as were identified in the motion for the executive session.

Credentials Committee

Dr. Curtis presented the Credentials Committee activity report. This report was accepted as information. Dr. Curtis discussed problems with applicants who do not submit all required documents by the established deadline. A motion was made by Dr. Clum, properly seconded and unanimously adopted to require that all necessary application forms within the applicant's control be received prior to the exam deadline in order for the applicants to be eligible for the next examination.

Discussion was held regarding the term "substantially equivalent" as it relates to the pending endorsement provision for education and internships. The Board considered a policy to require endorsement applicants to document their base state of licensure's education, experience and examination requirements in effect at the time of initial licensure for comparison with Virginia's requirements at the time of application for endorsement. Further discussion was deferred until the July 9th meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Evelyn Brown reported that legislation for licensure of school psychologists limited will be in effect July 1, 1999. Issues of credentialing and discipline as they relate to this profession were discussed. Ms. Brown reported that the draft final JLARC report had been presented to Mr. Hasty and will be available to the Boards after the agency responds to the report.

VPA Spring Meeting

Dr. Niemeier reported that approximately 20 people had attended the Spring meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Virginia Psychological Association (VPA) to discuss the issue of mandatory continuing education. He informed the Board that it was VPA's plan to seek legislation at the 2000 General Assembly to mandate 28 CEU's per year for clinical psychologists. Dr. Hatt suggested that CEU requirements should be applied consistently to all categories of psychology licensure.

Correspondence

Ms. Brown presented correspondence from David Berndt requesting guidance from the board relating to his plan to provide "coaching" in Virginia as opposed to being licensed to provide mental health services. Discussion was held concerning attempts of unlicensed persons to provide therapy under the guise of terms such as "coaching." The Board recommended that this be referred to the Regulatory Committee with input from Ms. Fleming. Meanwhile, Ms. Brown will refer Dr. Berndt to the definitions in the *Code of Virginia* and to the Boards regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Agency Update

Ms. Duncan updated the Board on the Agency's new computer system (AHLADIN) and the present conversion. She explained that the AHLADIN system will enable public access to information on all licenses and certificate holders including name, address, initial licensure date, expiration date and information regarding any disciplinary action against the licensee via either an automated telephone system or the internet.

Upcoming Association Meetings

Dr. Niemeier and Clum and Mr. Peachee were selected to attend the September meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board, with Dr. Niemeier serving as delegate and , Mr. Peachee as alternate.

Schedule of Meetings for 1990-2000

The Board set the following dates for future meetings:

July 9, 1999 – Special called meeting to adopt fee changes
September 14, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Board meeting
January 11, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. - Regular Board meeting
April 11, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. - Regular Board meeting
June 13, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. - Regular Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Clifford V. Hatt, Ed.D.
Chair

Evelyn B. Brown
Executive Director